

TITLE 16. MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Medical Board of California (hereinafter referred to as "the Board") is proposing to take the action described in the Informative Digest. Any person interested may present statements or arguments orally or in writing relevant to the action proposed at a hearing to be held at the Radisson Hotel, at 4545 MacArthur Boulevard, Newport Beach, California, 92660, on May 7, 2004, at 9:00 a.m. Written comments, including those sent by mail, facsimile, or e-mail to the addresses listed under Contact Person in this notice, must be received by the Board at its office not later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 3, 2004 or must be received by the Board at the hearing. The Board, upon its own motion or at the instance of any interested party, may thereafter adopt the proposals substantially as described below or may modify such proposals if such modifications are sufficiently related to the original text. With the exception of technical or grammatical changes, the full text of any modified proposal will be available for 15 days prior to its adoption from the person designated in this notice as contact person and will be mailed to those persons who submit written or oral testimony related to this proposal or who have requested notification of any changes to the proposal.

Authority and Reference: Pursuant to the authority vested by Section 2018 of the Business and Professions Code, and to implement, interpret or make specific Section 2518 of said Code, the Medical Board of California is considering changes to Division 13, Chapter 4, Article 4 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations as follows:

INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

Amend Section 1379.26

Business and Professions Code Section 2518 requires completion of continuing education in areas that fall within the scope of the practice of midwifery, as specified by the Medical Board.

Title 16, CCR, Section 1379.26(a) lists the providers that are approved for continuing education credit by the Division of Licensing of the Medical Board. This regulatory proposal would expand the list to include those midwifery related courses that are offered by a provider approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing or the board of registered nursing of another state in the United States.

FISCAL IMPACT ESTIMATES

Fiscal Impact on Public Agencies Including Costs or Savings to State Agencies or Costs/Savings in Federal Funding to the State: None

Nondiscretionary Costs/Savings to Local Agencies: None

Local Mandate: None

Cost to Any Local Agency or School District for Which Government Code Sections 17500 through 17630 Requires Reimbursement: None

Business Impact: The Board has made an initial determination that the implementation of the proposed regulatory action would have no significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

AND

The following studies/relevant data were relied upon in making the above determination:
None

Impact on Jobs/New Businesses: The Medical Board of California has determined that the implementation of this regulatory proposal will not have any impact on the creation of jobs or new businesses nor will the implementation result in the elimination of jobs or existing businesses or the expansion of businesses in the State of California.

Cost Impact on Representative Private Person or Business: The Medical Board of California is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

Effect on Housing Costs: None

EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESS

The Medical Board of California has determined that the proposed regulations would not affect small businesses. The proposed amendment is solely an attempt to expand the allowable criteria for continuing education courses that are already available to other healthcare providers.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

The Medical Board of California must determine that no reasonable alternative which it considered or that has otherwise been identified and brought to its attention would either be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposal described in this notice.

Any interested person may present statements or arguments orally or in writing relevant to the above determinations at the above-mentioned hearing.

INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS AND INFORMATION

The Medical Board of California has prepared an initial statement of the reasons for the proposed action and has available all the information upon which the proposal is based.

TEXT OF PROPOSAL

Copies of the exact language of the proposed regulations and of the initial statement of reasons may be obtained at the hearing or prior to the hearing upon request from the persons designated in this notice under Contact Person or by accessing the Web site listed below.

AVAILABILITY AND LOCATION OF THE FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS AND RULEMAKING FILE

All the information upon which the proposed regulations are based is contained in the rulemaking file which is available for public inspection by contacting the person named below.

You may obtain a copy of the final statement of reasons once it has been prepared, by making a written request to the person designated in this notice under Contact Person or by accessing the Web site listed below.

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